ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: APRIL 11, 2003

Please see below for the agenda for the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting, scheduled for April 22, 2003:

I. Overview of Railroad Safety Program

The Commission's Railroad Safety Program has three components:

- 1. Crossings: to prevent collisions, injuries, and deaths at railroad/highway crossings;
- 2. <u>Safety Assurance and Compliance:</u> to prevent on-track accidents/incidents and ensure safe operation of rail movements through compliance with applicable federal and state regulations;
- 3. Public Education: to improve public awareness of highway/rail crossing safety
 - Video Highlights on Operation Lifesaver

II. Current Methods Used to Achieve Railroad Policy Goals

- Details of the Commission's on-site inspection and investigation program to enforce federal and state standards for grade crossing signal systems, track conditions, hazardous material transportation, and safe rail operating practices
- III. Discussion of 2002 Hazardous Materials Report and 2002 Accident Report
- IV. Update on Rail Infrastructure Proposal for North Eastern Illinois
- V. Update on High-Speed Rail Project
- VI. FY 2004-2008 Crossing Safety Improvement Program Five-Year Plan

VII. Future of Railroad Safety Program

- Efforts of Transportation Bureau to reconcile funding concerns with the goal of increasing the number of crossing improvement projects funded
- > Future Commission policy changes